



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Solutions Using an Organic Chelant § Attorney Docket No. 020569-02600

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance of the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in order to correct a typographical error which appears in the claims of record. As such, please amend the claims of record as follows: